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In re Patent Application of

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For: CLONING, EXPRESSION AND

CHARACTERIZATION OF THE SPG4 GENE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOST FREQUENT FORM OF AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT SPASTIC

PARAPLEGIA

Group Art Unit: 1636

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. A three-month extension of time has been requested and the corresponding fee paid extending the time period of response until June 1, 2004.